

2-23-2016

**RE: Proceeding 16-41**

Dear FCC:

I watch RFD-TV On channel 231 on my Dish Network Programming. I understand this is a channel that FCC is targeting to remove from the air.

We are beef cattle producers in rural Nebraska, and find the programming on RFD-TV to be very informative and important to our industry. The Market Day Report and agricultural programs that connect us with other livestock producers, as well as the information about weather and current livestock products, as well as all the other ag programming is very valuable to us as well as other farmers and ranchers in our region of the country.

There are also several programs that are educational and entertaining spotlighting subjects that are not addressed on other channels.

We are very much against losing this valuable channel on Dish network.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Riggs".

Susan Riggs

Email: smileyranch@bwtelcom.net

Feb. 28, 2016

FCC 16-41

Dear FCC,

Carol Bowline PO Box 554 - Ketchum OK 74349  
918-782-7406

I watch RFD-TV on Dish Satellite

I enjoy this station very much I watch  
all rodeo's any horse programs anything  
to do with the FFA program. Also  
with all the old series Lone Ranger =  
Roy Rogers - Fantasy Island and many  
more. I watch it 50% of the time.  
I don't watch any movie channels as most  
are trash!! Please keep RFD-TV for  
our kids!!!!

Thank You  
Carol Bowline

Stations I watch:

Local Stations for news & weather

Cartoon Network (2 great grandbabies)

RFD-TV

Hallmark Channel

1641

3-12-16

To Whom It May Concern

Please keep RFD TV on the air. Put Porter Wagoner back on and Big Joe Palka, also Nashville on the road. But on some more shows like these, let some more country artists on. There really isn't much to watch anymore on T.V. I grew up with country music and just love to hear the singers from the 50's and 60's. There isn't too much to watch for the elderly people to watch. We don't like all the filth you put on T.V. Please let's get RFD-TV back to where it was. If you don't want us to watch anything you lower my monthly rate, I'm paying too much for what I am getting now. What gives you the right to this to T.V.

Thank You

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Jean Winderholt

208 E Ave St apt. D

Darlington Wc 53530



March 11, 2016

Dear FCC 16-41

I watch RFD TV on Time Warner Cable. I really enjoy this station: the Rodeo's, Auctions, Machinery Pete and all of the music. There is no other station like it. Please do not remove it from TV.

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Sincerely  
John Kohler

8948 104<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

262-697-0048

Dear FCC

Proceeding 16-41

3/10/16

from D. G. Petraitis  
106 Tree Ridge Drive  
Columbia, IL 62236

I watch RFD-TV on Harrison Telephone Company (HTC.net) based in Waterloo, IL. RFD-TV is absolutely vital as it provides information and entertainment not shown anywhere else. It's fantastic. The shows are clean and family friendly, contain a huge amount of information about farm and rural life, and the music shows are unmatched anywhere.

RFD-TV is by far my favorite station and if I couldn't receive it, I daresay I would discontinue cable TV. Almost all of cable TV is a vast wasteland with content that is deleterious to the health of our nation and without RFD-TV, I don't need cable.

If you limit the content of cable TV to the whacky stuff that stoners and moochers in urban areas watch, what is the use in having 500 stations? You have to throw normal people a bone once in a while.

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Wayne E. Wolff  
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FCC  
C/O RFD-TV  
49 Music Square West  
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear FCC, Proceeding Number 16-41

We watch RFD-TV on Dish Network Channel 231

I am 79 years old Retired Ranch Manager and Ranch Owner, We sold and bought cattle on Superior Video Auction since it first started as Odle and Cumberlanin about 1978 or 79. and we always watched the sales on RFD-TV after they started showing them and still do.

We also watch some of the equine shows and machinery shows and some times the weather. We watch Grand Ol Opera, Marty Stewart, Molly B Poka and Country Church along with several other shows.

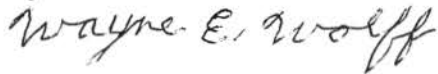
We would be deeply disappointed if RFD-TV was discontinued.

We don't think it is right that we have to subscribe to other programs just so we can get RFD-TV.

Please don't let Dish remove this channel from there net work as it is very important to Rural America as well as many non ag people that watch it also.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Wayne E. Wolff



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FCC c/o RFDTV

49 Music Square West

Nashville, TN 37203

Re: 16-41  
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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of RFDTV! As we do not watch ANY reality TV shows or absurd sitcoms, we depend a lot on RFDTV for entertainment.

We look forward to the music and variety shows (Hee Haw). Hee Haw and the music take us back to life during a simpler time and give us a break from the stress of today's world.

I also enjoy the train programs and the programs on the different states and their farming methods.

I am sure there are "rural" people who move into the city, or urban areas, that still want to maintain roots in country and keep up with country or farm life.

The channels we watch the majority of the time are RFDTV, The Weather Channel, History Channel and National Geographic. In order to

receive these channels we have to pay a premium and now, on top of that, they want to eliminate some of these channels.

In my opinion, the cable and other television service providers are becoming too greedy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pressley". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

John Pressley

Tucson, Arizona



Comments to FCC 1691

My wife & I are very dedicated viewers of RFD-TV. Being the fact we are farmers makes us more interested in RFD TV than some city folks. Although I know of several non farming people who say RFD TV is one of the best networks, especially for entertainment shows that Dish & Direct TV have on the air.

We would not have good shows to look forward to every week if it were not for RFD-TV on Dish & Direct TV

### Ag Related Shows

Georgia Farm Monitor  
Texas Country Reporter  
Rural Evening News  
Machinery Show  
This Week in Agri Business  
U.S. Farm Report  
Machinery Pete  
Classic Tractors  
Market Day Report  
American Farmer  
(And More)

### Entertainment Shows

Joey Day Show  
Marty Stuart Show  
Hee Haw  
Midwest Country  
Presley's Country Jubilee  
Reno's Old Time Music  
Country Family Reunion  
Larry's Country Diner  
Porter Wagoner Show  
Cumberland Highlanders  
Mollie "B" Polka Party  
Gaither Gospel Hour  
Horse Shoes  
Rodeo's

Please Do Not Drop RFD-TV AS IT IS very important viewing for us and many more people we know. Dish & Direct TV are very good companies

THANK YOU

Ken & Marjorie Sandelbach  
Weyoming, Ill 61491

28 February 2016

Dear FCC, Proceeding number 16-41

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C/O RFD-TV

49 Music Square West

Nashville, TN 37203

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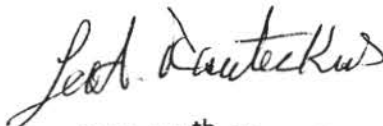
I watch RFD-TV on DirecTV.

For me this channel is one of only a handful of channels worth watching. For anyone to curtail or eliminate programming that includes rural issues, our country way of life and all around decency is a mockery that should not be allowed to continue. Finally there is a channel that realizes TV should be more than blood, guts, sex and violence; a place where I can go to learn, laugh and be glad that there is still a choice and with the ability to choose.

DirecTV has so called packages from which people can choose the number of channels they wish to view. More channels mean more money. I called DirecTV to see if I could pick and choose the few channels that interests me and negotiate a fair price. I was told they do not have that capability, which sounds like a scheme in order to include channels that cannot exist on their own. Why should people pay for channels that do not measure up to their standards?

For me, never do I watch MTV, PPV, QVC, SONIC, MSNBC, OWN, ADLT, NICK, BET, SHOP and the so called PREMIUM channels. For customers willing to submit to those choices let them also pick and choose, but why force me to pay for substandard programming. With these substandard channels removed from the airwaves there will be room for programs and channels that I and others would be more adapt to purchase. It is high time for the customer and not the purveyor to choose what is best!

Leo A. Rauterkus



359 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Clear Lake, WI 54005

715-263-3666

February 28th, 2016

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%RFD-TV

49 Music Square West

Nashville, TN 37203

Atten: FCC 1641

We are on Dish Network located at Platte Center Nebraska. We want to comment as to the programming is awesome. This area is a farming community and want to salvage any programming related to the Agri Industry. RFD-TV is the only network keeping us inform of the latest of happenings in the Agri Industry.

Why would you want to take that kind of information away from the industry that feeds the world as well as you located at the FCC.

So with that being said I highly recommend that you allow RFD-TV continue with their fine programming and we in the Agri Industry will be well satisfied.

Thanks for your help and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely yours

Don & Bernie Greisen - 

P.O. Box 305

Platte Center, Nebraska 68653

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Nashville, TN.  
Feb. 24-2016

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% RFD-TV.

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned, regarding the cancellation of the contract with RFD-TV. This channel is very beneficial to all farm families as well as urban. This decision to cancel RFD-TV forces viewers to choose others or not, building a wall, between rural & urban communities. Agriculture is the heart of all people, if you eat you are involved in ag.

Beyond daily ag. information, the music, entertainment portion, of all programs is very important. I'm asking that this channel (not) be removed.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Harve

To: FCC

File # 16-41

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I watch RFD on Direct TV.  
We need a balance in what we  
can watch on TV. The cost of  
TV is high yet we have poor  
choices.

I lost farming behind as a  
young adult but I continue to  
be interested in the farmers  
needs. I have good food so I  
appreciate the farmers and their  
needs and their battles with  
the elements.

TV is controlled by a few,  
who probably do not understand the  
average American.

I enjoy the music on RFD  
as well as a variety of other  
programs. Please continue to  
give all Americans a choice on  
programming.

You know we see Trump doing  
well only because real America  
has been ignored.

I enjoy watching RFD become  
more & more professional.

Houston Taylor  
5041 Hwy 167 S  
Shou don, AR 72150



Rodger & Darlene Slack  
79310 N Mason Rd.  
Ansley, Ne. 68814

16-41

Patrick Gottsch  
49 Music Square West, Suite 301  
Nashville, Tn. 37203

Dear Sir:

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We are senior citizens who enjoy your great programming. Very few good programs are found on other channels. We enjoy the rodeos, farm markets, weather, parades, tractor shows and horse shows but most of all we enjoy the wonderful music programs like Family Reunion, Larry's Country Miner, Presley's Country Jubilee, and Mollie B Polka Party - plus many, many more.

Thank you so much for the wonderful programs and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Rodger and Darlene

Marvella Clark  
735 S. Emerald Trail  
Prescott, Az. 86303  
ph# 928-776-4450

Dear FCC     % RFD TV  
proceeding # 16-41

I watch RFD TV on Direct TV  
basic plan. I'm on Social Security so  
basic is all I can afford. Important  
independent channels such as RFD and the  
Weather Channel are being pressured by  
big providers. I love the equine,  
cattle, and rodeo programs on RFD. The  
agricultural programs are also extremely  
important for everyone since food  
production is essential for everyone.  
So please help the independent channels  
to be able to remain on basic provider plans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Marvella Clark

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RFD TV

we have watched RFD for many years we first came on to it in 2004 when we had Knology and didn't have to pay extra for it, which was really good. Then we had moved in the country and had to get Dish Net. We had to order it and only paid like 10 dollars for it,

then in 2013 we move again and have Midcon and had to ask for it and this time we had to get the package which we pay 28 dollars for. It is called the sport package/

. we watch RFD a lot most of the time I should say we like the weekend programs. We are both in our 80, and really enjoy the shows.

Hope this can be all worked out so the people like us and even the younger one can enjoy these shows.

Carl and Pauline Wendt  
1206 saint joe street  
Spearfish SD 57783

*Carl & Pauline Wendt*

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To: FCC  
16-41

Feb. 27, 2016

Willie Dale Keatts

600 Brock

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Golden City, Mo 64748

417-537-4780

Direct TV

Dear Sir:

I watch RFD-TV every day and I enjoy it very much especially the music programs. Having lived on a farm years ago I like to see the agricultural programs, too.

Sincerely  
Willie Dale Keatts



Feb 28. 2016

107 Flanders Road

Bethlehem, Connecticut, 06751

860 605 0297

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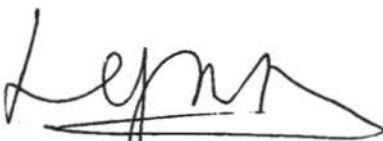
I watch RFD-TV on CHARTER and I am VERY concerned with the actions of Verizon recently, where they cut out not only RFT-TV but several OTHER independent channels with a rural flavor...

Since there are ONLY SIX conglomerates that CONTROL All OF THE TV viewing in America, I am very concerned that this must be CONTROLLED by the FCC.

The wall between urban and rural America is being built higher by the lack of programming being offered that features rural flavored topics. The rural market is LARGE and supportive of programming like RFD-TV and so for the conglomerates to claim there is no profit for them in these channels is simply not proved by the facts and since these conglomerates seem to have NO INTEREST in policing their own actions it has become apparent that the system is broken and requires government intervention. This intervention will ensure that the playing field is fair and America gets the choices THEY WANT on their televisions.

FCC you NEED to tell these companies that they have a responsibility to this country to make sure that the important voice of agriculture is served in America...ranchers and farmers across this great land are DIRECTLY responsible for keeping America fed and they need the voice of RFT-TV to connect them with their peers and to keep their industries strong, informed, and educated.

Thank you for considering my voice.



Lynn Foster



Dear FCC, proceeding # 16-41

Don Ward

4076 W Maple Rapids Rd

St Johns MI 48879

989-224-4866

I watch RFD-TV on DirecTV.

This Station provides beneficial information for a country way of life. It has educational information as well as programs that are entertaining. It would truly be a tragedy to lose a station with such wonderful programming. Please keep RFD-TV on the air and available for us to enjoy! Thank you

Sincerely,

Don Ward

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March 1, 2016

Dear FCC,      Proceeding number: 16-41

We watch RFDTV on DirectTV.

First I would like to say that I am usually opposed to Federal Government interference in business. However, in this case it appears that, like it or not, there may need to be some control. Television programming is being controlled by only a few company's. And some only want to provide programming for select areas. We live in a rural area. We do not have cable available, but, even if we did, the programs we like would not be available. At least not on the closest cable system in the near area. We have DirectTV. They have several rural programs in their packages. But, in order to get them, we have to subscribe to the most expensive package. Same with Dish Network. Years ago, when we were using the big dish, we could get programming a-la-cart. We only paid for what we wanted. Now we are paying for 327 stations that we have absolutely no interest in and will never tune to in order to receive the ones we like to watch. So we pay \$1,450.00 per year to get thousands of re-runs and a few channels we like.

Channels like RFDTV.

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They have programs on farm markets. These are just as important to rural folks as the financial programs are for the investment people.

There are programs for caring and training animals. Beef cattle auctions.

Programs for growing crops, weed control, fertilizer, soil conditions, and markets.

Programs about farm machinery, farm machinery auctions, old railroad history, and horse shows.

Rodeo's like Little Britches rodeo, which is farm kids competing in kids rodeo events. Adult rodeo's.

There are many "original country music" shows for those of us that enjoy the old style country music, Gospel, and blue grass music. Polka show for those that enjoy polkas.

Their political town hall's were far more informative than the so called debates. The candidates were allowed to explain their views without interruptions and name calling.

Granted, not everyone is interested in this type of programming any more than we care about the 327 we must pay for that we don't watch. The ideal would be a package where you could chose 20 or 30 channels that you would be interested in. Or the ability to add channels a-la-cart for a reasonable cost.

If you look at a map or look out the window when flying, you can see that the majority of our country is rural farming. If it's OK to feed the world, it should be OK to get some programming that means something to yourself.

Thank you,



Richard Munroe

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Feb. 24, 2016

FCC  
Ref. 16:41

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RFD-TV is vitally important  
to the lives of so many people  
in America! Hurrah to them  
and their good foresight to  
see into their area of programming.  
Viva RFD-TV! Love it!

I watch RFD-TV on Dish  
satellite.

I think every cable system  
in the country ought to be  
able to offer RFD-TV without  
having to pay an arm and leg  
to get it. And it should not  
put a group of unwanted  
channels just to watch it.

I am a 74 year old widow  
and along with my late husband  
we watched RFD-TV all the  
time.

Sincerely yours,  
Lillian Richardson  
(409) 385-4342

1641 230 Putney Rd.  
Dear Patrick, (FCC) Andover, N.H.  
March 12/12

First I want to Thank  
"you" for your Kind & immediate  
response to my email in the  
past!

I have 'Dish' here in Andover  
N.H. to watch RFD TV - A great  
privilege!!! I need to

lose my "BULLRIDING", "RODEOS",  
"HORSE SHOWS", "THE 80's COMEDY  
SHOWS" (family) & "THE COUNTRY MUSIC  
SHOWS" - (past + present) POTTER W,  
RONIE RENO, NASHVILLE ON THE ROAD,  
PRESLEYS COUNTRY JUBILEE,  
CUMBERLAND HIGHLANDERS, JOEY  
& RORY, LARRYS' COUNTRY DINER,  
COUNTRY REUNION, HEE HAW &  
MOLLIE B's POLKA PARTY !!! (ETC)  
Thank you!!! Shirley Thisell